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FOR:

"Destabilized Bioluminescent Proteins"

COMMENTS:

Enclosed herewith is a response to the final Office Action dated February 10, 2006.

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Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

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